

**CITY OF DEXTER
FARMERS MARKET AND COMMUNITY GARDEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Farmers Market and Community Garden Oversight Commission was called to order at 5:31 pm at the City Offices, 8123 Main Street.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jeff Peters, Martin Ruhlig, Mary-Ellen Miller, Mark Olexa, Julie Knight, and Carol Jones (arr. 5:35pm),

Absent: Quaila Pant

Other Present: Brenda Tuscano, Farmers Market Manager; Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Motion by Knight, Seconded by Ruhlig to approve the minutes from January 13, 2016.
Motion Adopted

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Ruhlig, Seconded by Olexa to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Adopted

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

COMMUNITY GARDEN BUSINESS

None

VENDOR REPORT

Jeff Peters reported that he anticipates that rototilling and seed planting will begin in one to two weeks. He is looking for someone to help him at the market.

Martin Ruhlig reported that he has downsized the farm significantly. He is going to have a small garden and will still be at the Dexter Farmers Market.

STAFF REPORT

Justin Breyer reported that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was submitted to the State. He also reported that staff was looking for people to assist with setting-up the Easter Eggstravaganza event on Saturday, March 26.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: FARMERS MARKET APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES

Brenda Tuscano reported that she had received an application from a barbeque food truck vendor who was interested in setting-up for the market. Committee members discussed an ordinance that was passed by City Council regarding food carts. Mrs. Tuscano reported that she had not heard back from the vendor since the initial application.

B. DISCUSSION OF: GARDEN CLUB GRANT APPLICATION

Brenda Tuscano reported that she intended to submit a grant application to the Dexter Garden Club to help fund the purchase and installation of brick pavers and a storage shed. She also stated that the application would include a request to help fund the restoration of the well adjacent to the Community Garden.

C. DISCUSSION OF: MARKET MUSIC

Brenda Tuscano reported that staff had been working with Gordon Darr to set up musical acts for the Market. Staff has established a Sign-Up Genius link that can be forwarded to performers for them to sign-up.

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF: VENDOR DINNER

Brenda Tuscano reported that the vendor dinner would be taking place on April 5th at 6:00pm at the Dexter District Library.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Martin Ruhlig asked about previous proposed business of developing a mission statement. Brenda Tuscano reported that it would be put on the next agenda.

Jeff Peters asked about the proposed painting of the Market structure. Justin Breyer reported that the Committee had passed a resolution recommending the project to City Council. Staff received negative feedback from members of the DDA who originally purchased the structure, and it never made it to City Council. Julie Knight stated that she would bring up the issue at the next City Council meeting.

Jeff Peters asked about a previous report from staff regarding the intention to investigate putting more advertisements in the Sun Times. Brenda Tuscano reported that no investigation had yet taken place, but she would be doing so over the next few weeks.

Mark Olexa asked about booth fees. Brenda Tuscano reported that seasonal fees went up \$20.

Julie Knight commented that she would like to investigate the selling of bricks from the DTE building.

PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Nonee

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Move Knight, support Jones to adjourn at 6:01 pm
Motion Carried